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SUBJECT: REPATRIATE SHIP; PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLANNING

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FOR GERBERT FROM IATF

1. THERE FOLLOWS GUIDANCE IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUERIES IN PARAS TWO THROUGH FIVE OF REFTTEL. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW TOMORROW.

2. IF REPATRIATE LEADERS ARE WILLING TO GIVE PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, YOU SHOULD ARRANGE IT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN IT. IT SHOULD BE STRICTLY A REPATRIATE SHOW. IT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR DAY PRIOR TO SHIP DEPARTURE. MEDIA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VISIT SHIP, BUT ONLY ON DAY PREIOR TO DEPARTURE. THEY MAY WISH TO ACCOMPANY LLOYDS SURVEYOR WHEN HE INSPECTS SHIP. VIETNAMESE CREW COULD RESPOND TO QUESTIONS IF THEY SO DESIRE. US
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ASSISTANCE SHOULD ALWAYS BE PLAYED LOW KEY.

3. MEDIA SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ALLOWED ON BOARD SHIP ON DAY OF DEPARTURE. (AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE DO NOT WANT ANY STOWAWAYS.) MEDIA MAY BE PERMITTED TO PHOTOGRAPH BOARDING AT SOME POINT, BUT NOT THROUGHOUT BOARDING EXERCISE. THEY SHOULD DO THIS ON A ONE-SHOT BASIS AND THEN DEPART THE AREA, TO RETURN LATER IN ORDER TO OBSERVE DEPARTURE OF SHIP.

4. MEDIA REPS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ABOARD PATROL AIRCRAFT MONITORING VOYAGE. NAVY OVERFLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO MEDIA.

5. REPATRIATE LEADERSHIP AND SHIP'S CREW SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON NAVY PLAN FOR MONITORING VOYAGE. HOWEVER, WITH PRESS YOU SHOULD USE ONLY THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO RESPOND TO QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT. BEGIN TEXT. THE SHIP HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH NAVIGATIONAL AND RADIO EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF US AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS WHICH REGULARLY PATROL IN THE PACIFIC. WE HAVE ALERTED THEM TO THE VOYAGE OF THE THUONG TIN ONE. IF A DISTRESS CALL IS RECEIVED, WE WOULD RESPOND AS WE WOULD TO A CALL FROM ANY SHIP IN TROUBLE. END TEXT. KCSS NGER

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